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DE 19853097 and EP 1002682 A2, which are not in the English language, correspond to U.S. US 6,491,180.

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Finally, the applicant urges that the claims are patentable over the disclosed information.

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